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1. Location:

The Kirov (49°42'E/53°33'N) 1st May crane factory, Kirov Oblast, is on the northwestern outskirts of the town about 700 meters north of the Kirov II railroad station east of the track which leads to other industrial installations.

2. Plant layout:

The plant area is about 1,500 x 500 meters. It is an old installation which produced tanks during the war. Reminders of these products were seen on the scrap piles in the plant area. The buildings are brick structures and have pointed roofs; part of them are of concrete. A railroad spur track enters the plant from the south. The access road is partly bituminized and partly macadamized. See enclosed layout sketch.

3. Work force:

About 3,000 workers, 60 percent women.

4. Production:

7-ton steam cranes, 26 units per month in the Summer of 1943. Track jacks, revolving stages. The production of the steam cranes was started in 1946.

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The picture of the plant layout as produced by the annexed sketch appears more likely than previous descriptions. Presumably, the location data are correct. Confirmation is required.

1 Annex : 1st May Machine and Crane Factory in Kirov.

Legend of Annex

A 1st May plant

- 1 Workshop, 150x40x10 meters, with pointed roof, with
  - a Plant Department 14 (parts store room)
  - b Heating Plant 3
  - c Sheet metal smokestack, 15 meters high, 1 meter in diameter
- 2 Wood and coal yard
- 3 Saw frame, 40x10x10 meters, with pointed sheet metal roof
- 4 Concrete shop, 250x150x15 meters, with corrugated sheet metal roof and skylights with
  - a Workshop for the production of crane substructures
  - b Boiler forge with large oil-fueled annealing furnace
- 5 Workshop, 250x30x10 meters, so-called "Gatovitelni" department, production of component parts
- 6 Laboratory, 20x8x10 meters
- 7 Wooden building, 30x10x10 meters, with pointed sheet metal roof and
  - a Wood pattern shop
  - b Attached concrete compressor room, 15x5x8 meters
- 8 Kitchen and PK, wooden building on brick foundations, 25x25x8 meters, with pointed tar paper roof
- 9 Administration building, wooden building, 80x10x10 meters, with pointed tar paper roof
- 10 Foundry, 200x50x15 meters, with electrically operated steel smelting furnace and coal-fueled smelting furnace

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- 11 Workshop, 150x30x10 meters, with
  - a Forge with three oil-fueled annealing furnaces and four steam-operated hammers for the production of rough forgings for rim toothed wheels
  - b Heating plant 2
  - c Sheet metal smokestack, 30 meters high, 1.50 meters in diameter
  - d Coal dump
- 12 Building, 100x40x10 meters, with
  - a Garage, brick structure
  - b Parts' depot, wooden building
- 13 Oxygen filling room, 20x10x8 meters
- 14 Transformer station
- 15 Workshop, 200x50x15 meters, with
  - a Repair department with numerous machine tools
  - b Second lathe shop
  - c Attachment, 30x15x10 meters, with heating plant 1
  - d Brick smokestack, 40 meters high, 2.50 meters in diameter
- 16 Wooden storage shed, 80x10x7 meters, pointed roof
- 17 Transformer station
- 18 Forge and tool manufacture, 100x30x10 meters, with two oil-fueled annealing furnaces
- 19 Concrete workshop, 200x30x15 meters, with sawtooth concrete roof and skylights, and
  - a First lathe shop
  - b Crane assembling shop with electrically operated 50-ton large-size crane
  - c Attachment, 20x20x 10 meters, with constructional workshop
- 20 Machine store house, wooden building, 60x40x15 meters
- 21 Locomotive barn, brick structure, 30x30x10 meters
- B PW Camp 7307/2
- C Children's boarding-house.

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Legend: See report

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